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Amendment to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A steamatory for preparing a body for burial, comprising:

a chamber having ~~an access panel~~ a door on one side of the chamber;

a tray ~~at least partially removable from~~ that slides in and out of the chamber through the ~~access panel~~ door;

a plurality of rollers facilitating the sliding of the tray in and out of the door;

a plurality of steam ~~ports disposed within~~ jets lining an interior wall of the chamber; and

a steam generator for providing steam to the plurality of steam ~~ports within the chamber~~ jets lining an interior wall of the chamber, wherein the steam injected into the chamber causes tissue of the body to separate from bone structure.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) The steamatory of claim ~~2~~ 1 wherein the tray is made with a wire mesh having openings through which the tissue of body falls after separation from the bone structure.

4. (Currently amended) The steamatory of claim 3 further including:

a funnel ~~portion of the chamber~~ for channeling the tissue after falling through the wire mesh of the tray; and

a container coupled to the funnel ~~portion~~ for collecting the tissue of the body.

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5. (Original) The steamatory of claim 1 wherein the steam injected into the chamber maintains moisture content of the bone structure.

6. (Currently amended) An apparatus for preparing a body for burial, comprising:

a vessel ~~adapted~~ having a door for accepting entry and exit of the body;

a support structure disposed within the vessel for supporting the body, the support structure being slidable on a plurality of rollers;

a plurality of ~~steam ports disposed within the vessel~~ jets lining an interior wall of the vessel, wherein steam injected into the vessel causes tissue of the body to separate from bone structure;

a cart for supporting the vessel; and

a plurality of wheels for moving the cart, the vessel and any contents therein.

7. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 6 further including a steam generator for providing steam to the plurality of ~~steam ports within the vessel~~ jets lining an interior wall of the vessel.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the vessel includes:

a pan; and

a lid detachable from the pan for opening the vessel to

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accept the body.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the support structure includes a tray which is partially removable from the vessel.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~11~~ 10 wherein the tray is made with a wire mesh having openings through which the tissue of body falls after separation from the bone structure.

13. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 12 further including:

a funnel ~~portion of the vessel~~ for channeling the tissue after falling through the wire mesh of the tray; and

a container coupled to the funnel ~~portion~~ for collecting the tissue of the body.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the steam injected into the vessel maintains moisture content of the bone structure.

15. (Currently amended) A method of preparing a body for burial, comprising:

providing a vessel with a door adapted for accepting entry and exit of the body;

~~placing the body on a support structure disposed within the vessel;~~

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placing the body on a slidable tray supported by a plurality of rollers;

rolling the tray containing the body into the vessel through the door; and

injecting steam through a plurality of steam ~~ports disposed within the vessel~~ jets lining an interior wall of the vessel to cause tissue of the body to separate from bone structure.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 further including the steps of:

generating steam; and

routing the steam to the plurality of steam ~~ports within the vessel~~ jets lining an interior wall of the vessel.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~17~~ 16 wherein the tray is made with a wire mesh having openings through which the tissue of body falls after separation from the bone structure.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 further including the steps of:

channeling the tissue through a funnel after falling through the wire mesh of the tray; and

collecting the tissue of the body in a container.

20. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the steam injected into the vessel maintains moisture content of the bone structure.